

# Cotswolds LEADER Priority 6

## Support for increasing forestry productivity



The maximum grant that Cotswolds LAG will offer is £50,000 and the minimum £5,000. The maximum grant rate is capped at 40% of the eligible project costs.

Forestry is making an increasing contribution to rural growth - it is helping to diversify the farm economy and reduce the carbon footprint of local communities. More than 80% of England's woods are privately owned. Funding under LEADER will aim to deliver permanent new supply chains and jobs that, at the same time, restore regular management to local woods and encourage a greater degree of added value to the timber output.

Applications for grants could include the following, which are given as examples:

- Winches and associated equipment for extraction (including skyliners)
- Trailers designed specifically for hauling timber or logs
- Tractor or trailer mounted Cranes designed for extracting timber from woodland
- Wood chippers
- Trommel or other types of chip-screening equipment
- Firewood processors
- Mobile saw bench or mobile saw mill
- Timber processor and harvesting heads for primary processing of felled trees \*
- Forwarders (log-moving vehicles) \*
- Forest harvesters \*
- Skidders – these must be used in line with UK Forestry standards \*
- Tractor-mounted forestry grabs or tongs \*
- Log decks
- Forestry tractors (Forestry guarding must be factory fitted and meet CE standards.) \*
- Racks
- Log conveyors
- Log lifters
- Bagging shoots
- Firewood and wood splitters
- Kindling machines
- Bagging equipment associated with firewood processors
- Covered areas for processing, storing and seasoning; including solar kilns
- Hard standing for processing, storing and seasoning
- Moisture meters
- Force drying systems

\* these items must meet all Health and Safety Executive guidelines on rollover, operator and falling objects protection to be eligible

**Refer to the Cotswolds LEADER Handbook for more details on eligible costs and the Application Process available at [www.cotswoldsleader.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldsleader.org.uk)**

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## What is eligible

- investments in machinery and equipment to help the production, extraction, mobilising, processing and marketing of timber and non-timber forest products;
- the processing, mobilising and marketing of products for new forestry technologies;
- investments that enhance forestry potential or add value to forest products by processing, mobilising or marketing;
- the costs of developing wood-fuel supply chains;
- transportation of wood within a forest by specialised forestry equipment, excluding standard transport activities.

## What isn't covered

In addition to the list of costs which can't be claimed on pages 5 and 6 of the Cotswolds LEADER Handbook the following costs are not eligible under this priority:

- large-scale or industrial processing undertaken by static machinery with an annual processing capacity that is more than 10,000m<sup>3</sup>;
- hand tools (including chain saws, strimmers and brush cutters) and consumables;
- investments in woodland creation or the management of woodland itself;
- the preparation of woodland management plans;
- personal protective clothing;
- Standard or small scale tractors;
- All-terrain vehicles;
- Tipping trailers;
- Flat bed trailers;
- Box trailers;
- Wood-fired boilers;

**Please note** that woodland owners will need to submit a woodland management plan with their application.